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**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Examiner: J. J. Lauture

Art Unit: 2819

In re:

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Applicant: MEROTH

Serial No.: 10/031,631

Filed: November 7, 2001

**SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT**

December 3, 2003

Hon. Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of November 7, 2003, please  
note the following:

With the previous communication applicants have submitted a copy of the Preliminary Amendment which was filed before the introduction of the new rules for amending the claims. The office requested submission of a complete listing of all of the claims in accordance with the new rules, as well as of the replacement drawings. With the present communication applicant has submitted a complete list of the claims and the replacement drawings.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

Respectfully submitted,



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